

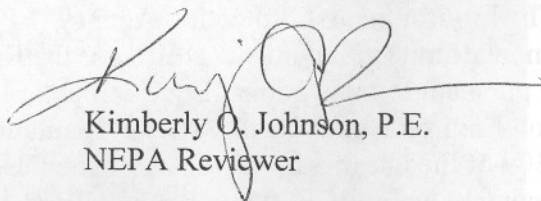
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be very helpful in restoring stream functions such as water quality improvement, recreation, and provisions for fish and wildlife habitat. Examples include: full meander restoration on straightened reaches, day-lighting of channels in urban areas, bank grading and stabilization, strategic in-channel placement of grade control structures, boulders and trees, and the establishment or restoration of riparian buffers.

We also recommend further evaluation of the properties exempted from Section 4(f) for lack of developed recreational facilities, see Section 3.14. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act [49 United States Code 303] protects publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and significant Historic and archaeological resources. Several of the properties identified under this section are not considered a Section 4(f) resource because there are no developed recreational facilities at the site. We are unaware of any 4(f) requirements that "developed recreational facilities" are criteria for applicability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (913) 551-7975.

Sincerely,



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